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My dear Professor Goldziher



I sent you yesterday an announcement  
of the new edition of Tabriz's Koran Commen-  
tary. It may be of interest to you. My  
Sheikh, however, tells me that it will be  
of little value and is purely a business  
speculation.

I have been at work upon a rather  
interesting Arabic document concerning  
an old Synagogue here which was rebuilt,  
and to show which an attempt was  
made by the Muhammedans. It is dated

in the reign of Alustangir (428 A.H.). The  
copy that Schechter gave me of it was mi-  
serable. I have carefully gone over the ori-  
ginal. The case came before the Kadi and  
was decided in favour of the Jews. The act  
was drawn up giving the judgement of the  
Kadi and a history of the process at law.  
Could you direct me to any source where I  
could find such printed decisions - possibly  
of the period? This would help me to fill  
in some of the lacunae which are due to the  
rough usage which has been accorded to the  
document. It is no use as King here; I  
find that however learned their learned men  
may be, they have no idea of Real Science, and

they do not even understand the purport  
of my question.

I trust that I am not troubling you  
too much. M<sup>rs</sup> S. Hail joins me in  
kindling hearty regards.

Very faithfully yours

Richard Gottheil.